Retirement Scheme for Civil Servants

2972. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to adopt an army style retirement scheme for the Civil Servants also and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is likley to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scale of Group 'A' officers

2973. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scales for the Group "A" officers applicable to the Central Government employees;

(b) if any scale of Group "A" is segmented and created a new scale, for example from the scale Rs. 10,000-15,200 if a new segment of scale 10,650-15,200 is created, will the new one is considered as a new scale altogether or is it considered as a segment of the Rs. 10,000-15,200 scale and not a new scale; and

(c) what are the guidelines prescribed under Career Progression Scheme for the Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The details of pay scales for Group "A" officers of the Central Government are incorporated in part (A) of the 1st Schedule to the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1997 notified by the Government *vide* GSR 569 (E) dated 30.9.1997.

(b) The standard pay scales as notified in the 1st Schedule, *inter alia*, include the scale of Rs. 10,000-15,200 and Rs. 10650-15,850 which are two distinct pay scales. The scale of Rs. 10650-15,200 is not one of the standard pay scales notified subsequent to the Fifth Pay Commission

recommendations. According to the information given by Department of Expenditure, the scale of Rs. 10,650-15,200 has not been allowed in any case and as such its existence as a separate pay scale or as a part of any standard pay scale does not arise.

(c) The details of the Assured Career Progression Scheme introduced for the Central Government civilian employees are contained in Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No.35034/1/97-Estt.(D) dated August 9, 1999.

Status of LS and RS Secretariat Employees

2974. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in various competitive examinations conducted by Staff Selection Commission, the employees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats are not provided with the certain relaxation due to Government employees;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to take them into the list of Government employees to extend them various relaxation as given to Government employees; and

(c) whether there is also a fact that many employees of these Secretariats have been deprived of taking the examination in recently conducted Combined Matric Level (Prel.) Examination by SSC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since there is no provision for treating employees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats as Central Government civilian employees, such employees are not given benefit of age relaxation admissible to Government employees. Hence, the question of depriving the employees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats from taking any examination by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) does not arise.

Backlog vacancies of SCs and STs

2975. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: